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U.S. REACHES SETTLEMENT WITH HOSPITAL MANAGER

Agrees To Repay Almost \$1.5 Million To Medicare

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Pat Meehan announced today a settlement with U H S of Delaware, Inc., a subsidiary of Universal Health Services, Inc of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania which includes the payment of \$1,497,036 to the Medicare program.

UHS manages many different hospitals including the Turning Point Care Center in Moultrie, Georgia. UHS 's management responsibilities included the filing of cost reports on behalf of the Turning Point Care Center. The repayment to Medicare in this settlement is for the inclusion of non-reimbursable costs in the cost reports for fiscal years 1997, 1998 and 1999. These non-reimbursable costs included costs claimed to have been incurred in providing patient transportation, self administered drugs, and room and board associated with patients in a partial hospitalization program run through the Turning Point.

The repayment to Medicare is also based on the inclusion in the cost reports of costs associated with an outpatient clinic that was not Medicare certified and was not appropriately associated with or physically connected to the Turning Point facility.

"The Medicare system depends on honest and accurate reporting," said Meehan. "It is our responsibility in cases like this, whether or not the overcharging was unintentional, to ensure that the provider makes the program whole."

The case was assigned to AUSA Margaret L.Hutchinson. The case was investigated by Special Agent William McDonald of the Department of Health and Human Services and Charles Potter and Mary Kiteley of IntegriGuard.

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